**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material comprises acrylonitrile butadiene rubber.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim5, wherein at least one of the one or more extractable compounds is selected from the group consisting of nonylphenol isomers, 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tertbutyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2,4,6,6-pentamethylhept-3-ene, 3'-oxybispropanitrile, oleic acid, palmitic acid, and stearic acid.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein at least one of the one or more extractable compounds has a vapor pressure greater than 45 torr (6000 Pa) at a temperature of 20°C.

5. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing an elastomeric gasket material for use in a metered dose inhaler, said method comprising:

contacting an elastomeric gasket material to be used in a metered dose inhaler, which gasket material comprises one or more extractable compounds, with a solution comprising an organic solvent, wherein the solution is at a temperature of at least 40°C to extract at least a portion of at least one of the one or more extractable compounds from the elastomeric gasket material;

wherein the solution comprises a lower alcohol.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the solution further comprises an acid.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the solution has a pH less than 5.5.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the solution has a pH between 2.5 and 6.0.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the lower alcohol is ethanol or isopropanol.

10. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the solution consists essentially of ethanol.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material is contacted with the solution for at least 1 hour.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material is contacted with the solution at a temperature of at least 60°C.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material is contacted with the solution under reflux conditions for the solution.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material is contacted with the solution in the presence of ultrasonic energy.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material is contacted with the solution under conditions sufficient to extract at least 20 percent of at least one of the one or more extractable compounds.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the elastomeric gasket material is contacted with the solution under conditions sufficient to extract at least 40 percent of at least one of the one or more extractable compounds.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising agitating the elastomeric gasket material.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the agitating of the elastomeric gasket material is performed subsequent to the contacting of the elastomeric gasket material with the solution.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising contacting the elastomeric gasket material with the solution subsequent to the agitating of the elastomeric gasket material.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of making an elastomeric sealing gasket for use in a metered dose inhaler, said method comprising:

contacting an elastomeric gasket material configured to be used in a metered dose inhaler, which gasket material comprises one or more extractable compounds, with a solution comprising an organic solvent, wherein the solution is at a temperature of at least 40°C and wherein the solution comprises a lower alcohol, to extract a portion of at least one of the one or more extractable compounds from the elastomeric gasket material; and

forming a sealing gasket from the elastomeric gasket material.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the contacting of the elastomeric gasket material occurs after the forming of the sealing gasket.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the forming of the sealing gasket comprises cutting the sealing gasket material to provide the sealing gasket.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the sealing gasket material is in the shape of a sheet of sealing gasket material.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the sealing gasket material has a thickness between 0.5 and 2 mm.

25. (Previously presented) A method of making an elastomeric MDI sealing gasket comprising:

contacting a base polymer starting material that comprises one or more extractable compounds with a solution comprising an organic solvent, wherein the solution is at a temperature of at least 40°C, to extract at least a portion of at least one of the one or more extractable compounds from the base polymer starting material to provide a treated raw polymer material;

producing elastomer from the treated raw polymer material; and

forming an MDI gasket from the elastomer.

26-48. (Cancelled)